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MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. AMBASSADOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

WE HAVE HAD A BUSY AND, I BELIEVE, PRODUCTIVE SERIES OF TALKS IN VIENNA DURING THE PAST TWO DAYS. WE ESPECIALLY APPRECIATE THE FACILITIES PUT AT OUR DISPOSAL BY THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.

I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH CHANCELLOR KREISKY YESTERDAY AND TOOK THAT OCCASION TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON THE OBVIOUS PROGRESSES YOU ENJOY AS YOU BEGIN YOUR THIRD DECADE AS A FREE AND SOVEREIGN STATE FOLLOWING THE 1955 STATE TREATY. YOUR DEDICATION TO FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE HAS SERVED YOU WELL. IT CAN BE A MODEL FOR OTHERS.

FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO AND I HAVE ALSO HAD, AS WE DO PERIODICALLY, SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS ON A VARIETY OF MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. THIS, OF COURSE, IS PART OF THE CONTINUING US-SOVIET DIALOGUE.

I HAVE PARTICULARLY MENTIONED THESE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES DURING THE PAST TWO DAYS TO PUT TO REST THE RUMOR THAT I HAVE SIMPLY BEEN MEDITATING SINCE MY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARRIVAL IN THE METTERNICH PALAIS.

AGAIN, MY THANKS TO THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.
"AUF WIEDERSEHEN", UNTIL SALZBURG.
THANK YOU. BUCHANAN

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